

## MR. DOOLEY ON THE BURNING ISSUE

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"Well, Hinnessy," said Mr. Dooley, "what ar-re ye'er views on th' great question now before th' American people?"

"What d'ye mean?" asked Mr. Hennessy. "Th' tariff?"

"Th' tariff!" cried Mr. Dooley. "Th' tariff isn't before th' American people. Thim that th' tariff takes care iv will take care iv th' tariff. No, sir. Ye don't see annything in th' pa-apers about th' tariff. It may be there, but ye don't see it. Th' on'y burnin' question before th' American people today is will th' foremost American emerge fr'm th' retirement to which he gracefully went after bustin' th' map iv th' base pretinder Mynroe an' restore th' supremacy iv th' white race or will he lave th' larls rest on th' brow iv th' Sinnygambyan an' let th' Cowcasyan sink slowly back ontill we become again hewers iv wood an' drawers iv wather an' chambermaids iv Pullman sleepin' cars."

"No wonder th' country is aggrated. Business waits on th' decision. There can be no return iv prosperity till it is settled wan way or th' other. In ivry place where men gather th' great issue is discussed. All petty factional differences are f'got in th' face iv this appalling disaster not to a nation, but to a race. A pettyshun signed be such infloential names as Willum Haitch Taft, Charles Eliot, Mary Baker Eddy, Andrew Carnaygle, Richard Watson Gilder, Harry Pratt Judson, Woodrow Wilson, Hinners Cabin Lodge an' Edward Sverett Hale has been sint to th' greatest American askin' him fr th' honor iv civilization to abandon th' comfort iv private life an' desthroy th' coon. A bet iv ten thousand dollars at eight to five has been made be Lyman Abbott that Johnson won't last twinty rounds, weigh in at eight o'clock, give or take ten pounds. Th' short end was taken be a gentleman who doesn't want his name mitioned fr business reasons, but is undherstod to be prom-nent in ile an' philanthropy circles."

"Yes, sir, th' great heart iv th' nation is torn be anxiety. Down at Dock 'what O'Leary's office last night afther him an' Father Kelly had had their usual wan round preliminary over th' modheraist movement th' Great Issue come up. 'Prize fightin' said Dock O'Leary, 'is a degradin' an' dangerous sport an' shud be suppressed untill we are sure Jeffries can take off th' nicissry weight an' be strong enough to knock th' nay-gur's chimbley off,' says he. 'I think on'y iv th' deplorable moral aspect iv it,' said Father Kelly. 'But I'll bet—I mean to say I feel assured be what I have accidentally read in th' pa-aper that th' blackamoore eudden't get thorough th' big fellow's guard with a machine gun,' says he. 'Gentlemen,' says I, 'anny news iv th' tariff?' says I. 'What tariff?' says th' dock. 'I must be going,' says Father Kelly. An' there ye are."

"All I can say to me fellow countrymen in this gr-reat crisis is to be ca'm an' patient. Thru, this is wan iv thim times that tries men's soul. But th' more mominous th' issue th' greater th' need iv self-restraint. There is no occasion fr on-seemly display iv wrath. Each must do his part in securin' public order. If th' porther iv a sleepin' car, indamed with pride be th' triumph iv his race, ordhers ye out iv th' wash-room untill he has completed his tilet, do not thry to wrest th' soap dish fr'm his hand. Go out an' secure th' cooperation iv th' brakeman an' induce th' frind iv Johnson to lave th' thrain in th' middle iv th' next suspension bridge. If a colored fellow citizen iv a shreet car says to yet: 'White scum, remove ye'er feet fr'm under mine,' do not take umbrage. It may be all th' poor man has. Take th' brake handle."

"Me fellow countrymen, we can do no better thim to follow th' example iv our illustrees leader. Like Wash'nton at Valley Forge, or Lincoln afther Bull's Run, he is melancholy but ca'm. He knows, none better, th' extint iv th' calamity that has befell th' race iv which he is th' representative with th' wallop. Th' cry iv millions has reached his ears an' Care, th' handmaiden iv Responsibility, has creased his pale an' thoughtful face. He realizes th' weight that rests upon his shoulders but th' weight that rests upon his stummick is a more seeryour matter. Whin approached to declare his intentions he was found deep in thought afther an exhibition iv th' manly art iv skippin' th' rope at a vaudeville theatre. As he extinged his hand fr another dipper iv champagne, which is his on'y stimulant, when available, durin' his hard thrainin', he raised his head fr another rdu ridruldred his head an' exclaimed, 'Watchuwant?' 'Sir,' said th' emissary iv th' Press, 'not fr th' Avenin' Blight alone but in behalf iv sixty million white men who see th' supremacy iv their race

threatened, I ask ye will ye wrest th' larls fr'm th' grasp iv this Dahomeyan?' 'If ye mean,' says th' First American, 'will I fight th' smoke, I can on'y say, go chase ye'erself.'

"Let us take these wurruds to heart. It is not nicissry as yet fr th' prisident to proclaim a day iv gin'ral fasting an' humiliation. Let us go soberly about our daily footies thrustin' to th' destiny that has guided th' white race so long. An' above all let us imitate th' example iv our peerless leader James J. Jeffries an' highly resolve not to fight Jack Johnson untill we are ready. I fr wan, Hinnessy, will do my part."

"Well, sir, 'tis a tur-rble thing that this shud've happened just at th' time whin I thought th' example iv such men as Gov'nor Hughes iv New York had done his wurruck. I thought th' wurrud had been reformed in five minyits an' human nature was no more goin' to be what it has always been but something so refined that in a little while th' roughest iv us wud be livin' th' pure an' simple life iv a canary bur'd in a gilded cage. But last week, Hinnessy, I d'reamed that th' goolden era had set in, as Hogan says, whin ye an' I wud spind our avenins croshtayn' tidies together. Today I pick up th' pa-apers an' th' on'y thing in thim worth readin' is accounts iv combats between brutes in human form. This last winter, Hogan jined a class to hear lectures wanst a week fr'm Professor Alphonso Gilfeather iv th' School iv Thought entitled: 'Th' Progress iv Civilization to'rds more Lady-like Ideals.' 'Twas Hogan's custom to come in afther th' lecture an' tell me about it. 'There's no use talkin', says he, 'mankind has made great strides since th' days whin all disputes were settled be resort to arms,' he says, 'an' whin th' naked savage slammed his fellow man with a stone hatchet or a club. Th' day iv brute force has gone by,' he says. Well, sir, last night I happened to be passin' by Mulcahy's Lyceum an' it was lighted up an' th' polis were havin' a hard time keepin' th' crowd back an', thinks I to meself, 'This must be a meetin' iv th' Ethical Culture Society, an' I wint in. Ye can judge iv me surprise, Hinnessy, whin I found that it was a prize fight. Th' crowd behind me was so dense that it was impossible to escape so I made th' best iv th' situation an' allowed meself to be forced near enough to th' ring side to need an umbrella between rounds. While I was meditat-in' on th' disgraceful nature iv th' exhibition an' fr'm time to time advisin' wan iv th' wretches, a fine lookin' la-ad fr'm Tipperary with as good a right hand as I ever see, to sind it over I heard a shriek in me ear. 'Give it to him, Th' right. Th' right. Uppereut him. Oh, but that was a pippin. Slay him while ye have him, ye stone-thrower fr'm Clonmel.' I looked around an' lo an' behold! there was th' frind iv Peace. 'What are ye doin' here at this ojus affair?' says I. 'Why aren't ye at th' lecture?' says I. 'There ain't anny lecture,' says he. 'What'll Pro-fessor Gilfeather say to ye?' says I. 'He won't say annything,' says he. 'That's him in Battlin' Peterson's corner. I on'y learned th' other day that he was wanst amachoor light-weight champeen iv Iowa University. He's gone into thrainin' again an' he thinks he may come back,' says Hogan."

"Well, there ye are, Hinnessy. I suppose civilization is a failure, but thim civilization always has been a failure, as far back as I can remember. I niver yet knew th' time whin human nature wasn't tearin' away fr'm thim that wud lead it up to higher an' better things an' runnin' into th' back yard to play in th' mud."

"'Tis a brutal sport, prize-fightin'," said Mr. Hennessy.

"Well," said Mr. Dooley, "there ain't annything very ennoblin' to th' spectator in anny form iv human employment. If ye think I am improved in me mind an' morals be seein' ye pushin' a wheelbarrow up a gangway on a hot summer's afternoon, ye ought to see ye'erself doin' it, that's all. I inye th' spectacle but it don't illivate me none at all. Sure th' prize-fighter's lift looks to me to be a fairly happy wan. If he's anny good at all he don't fight more than wanst a month an' thim half th' time he don't fight. If annywan offered ye fifty thousand dollars to let Jim Jeffries hit ye wanst ye'd put th' money where th' fam'ly cud use it in case iv ye'er decease an' presint ye'er face. Fr ten thousand added money ye'd give him leave to use an Indyan club. What cud be a safer or more hon'rable pro-fission fr a young man to enter. In th' old days 'twas diff'rent. Thim a prize-fighter had to wurruck for a livin' an' a poor livin' it was. He was called Jem, he was pathrized be a jook an' he wint into th' ring iv a Choosdah

mornin' an' niver come out till Saturdah night. He fought with nawthin' on his hands an' whin he got through th' on'y way ye cud tell he had a face at all was be observin' that it was opposite to th' back iv his head. In his declinin' years he kept a tavern that th' jook gave him. They were th' gr-reat boys in thim days. An' be hivers, I too, Hinnessy, I too, as Hogan says, have lived among joyns. Think iv thim grand old heroes iv our time. Sayers that fought Johnny Heeran with a broken arm all through an' afthernoon, an' Jim Mace, the Gipsy, an' Tom Allen an' John Merrissey that was a terror in his day but didn't keep in good condition an' become a congressman. An' thim th' best iv thim all, Jawn L. Sullivan. That great warrior is with us still, I'm glad to say. There was a fighter, Hinnessy, He didn't care who he licked. He licked ivrybody fr'm th' barber that shaved him th' wrong way to th' Oregon Joyn, that slew oxen with wan punch. Ye niver heard iv Jawn L. wondhrin' whether he was in condition or how much money there was in it. He niver was in condition or out iv it. His on'y recorded sayin' was: 'Leme at him.' Me heart niver beat so high with pride as th' day th' Mayor iv Boston presinted him with th' dimon belt nor sunk so low in me bosom as th' night James J. Corbett presinted him with a belt in th' jaw."

"In Jawn L. Sullivan's day a challenge to a fight with him was followed be a crashing noise an' that was all there was to it. In thim times there was no hard feelin' except a desire to slay each other between fighters. Nowadays, be hivers, th' champeens are such inimes that they seldom meet. It takes as long to arrange a fight as it does to get up a European war. First there is a challenge, thim a year's engagement skippin' th' rope an' makin' faces at a lookin' glass in a variety theatre; thim th' challenge is accepted an' th' champeens go on th' road for another engagement; thim a number iv our leadin' bankers are called into finance th' encounter. This takes another year; arrangements thim have to be made fr th' cinnymity-graft an' fin'ly whin both old gentlemen can no longer draw audiences to th' theatres they meet, paw each other till wan iv thim gets a slap in th' face an' lies down on his bak fr ten seconds an' starts a saloon."

"I know a prize-fighter. I will in-thrajoice ye sometime. Ye won't find him hard to talk to. In spite iv his position he is very affable an' has gr-reat sympathy with th' workin' classes. 'Dye like ye'er pro-fission?' says I. 'Well,' says he, 'polishin' his dimon ring, 'it's better thim wurruckin' fr Armour.' he says, 'an' th' remuneration is good. Th' principal trouble I have to find with it is it's too confin'. Thim variety theatres are badly ventilated an' I am often so faint afther doin' me turn that I can scarcely stagger to me automobile. An' ye have no idee what us champeens have to suffer ivry year whin called upon to defend our titles. Th' constant posin' fer pitchers, th' ceaseless interviws, th' coorse wranglin' with me opponent about whether I'll knock him out in th' third or th' eighth round, th' utter impossibility iv gettin' new bills an' fin'ly th' smoke-laden atmosphere iv th' arena an' th' ring surrounded be fat men with pale faces who wud die iv heart-disease if they tried to overtake a shreet car an' all th' time yellin' fr me to murder a nice young fellow that belongs to th' samewhist club as I do—oh, it it hard, hard! 'But,' says I, 'don't ye get a bang in th' eye ivry wanst in a while?' says I. 'I niver got as many fr ten thousand dollars,' says he, 'as I cud get at th' stock yards anny Saturdah night free with me pay check,' says he. An' there ye are."

"Aren't ye ashamed to be readin' about prize-fightin' whin there's so many more important things to be thinkin' about?" said Mr. Hennessy. "I'll tell ye what I'll do," said Mr. Dooley. "I'll bet ye that at this minyt that Willum Haitch Taft can name more champeen prize-fighters thim he can vice-presidents iv th' United States. An' I'll lave it to him."

## GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

## RALEIGH TO BE REPRESENTED AT FLORIDA CONVENTION.

Representative of the National Roads Association Talks of Its Purposes—Arousing Interest in the Southern States.

John H. Broad, publisher of the Morrisville (N. Y.) Leader, has been in Raleigh during the past two days to arouse interest in the work of the National Roads Association, which organization was founded and incorporated at St. Augustine, Fla., in February. The object of the association is to arouse interest in every part of the country for improved highways. Mr. Broad said, yesterday:

"During the past ten years the Congress has entertained several measures bearing on Federal assistance toward the construction of macadamized highways, particularly over post roads and routes covered by the R. F. D. However, none of these have been enacted into law owing to the fact that the author of each measure had ideas of his own as to how the looked-for assistance from the Federal government should be obtained and in the manner it should be used. As no com-

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promise could be brought about, the efforts of all these various attempts for government aid failed. It is the purpose of the National Roads Association to bring these conflicting interests together and agree upon one line of action. The president of the association is Mr. John A. Stewart, the well-known New York business man. The other officers are well-known Northerners and Southerners.

"The officers and executive committee of the association have instituted a movement that while not at all new is a large undertaking, but which if successful will mean much to the sections effected. It is proposed through Federal and State aid to build a trunk road or highway from St. Augustine north through the principal cities of the seaboard States, following in the main the old post roads and turnpikes—and on to Washington, New York to Boston—across Massachusetts to New York State and connecting with the trunk lines, for the construction of which the Empire State has already authorized the expenditure of \$50,000,000. From the western border of the Empire State the national association would push its road, built after the plans of the Romans, through the States of the Middle West and on to Los Angeles and from that point north along the Pacific coast. And the trunk line would pass through the larger cities of the northwestern States and on to and coast."

Mr. Broad says the undertaking is not as gigantic in magnitude as one at first might conclude, as several States through which these trunk lines will be projected already possess a system of macadamized highways that could be used to form a part of the national system.

In connection with the national or inter-State lines, the association would endeavor to connect the latter with the more important market towns by improved highways built at county or State expense, so that in course of time a goodly proportion of the country would be covered by highways that will allow of heavy traffic during every season of the year and would add materially to the prosperity of the farmers and the towns through which they passed.

To bring about this large undertaking and for the purpose of formulating ways and means, the officers of the association are already making arrangements for a big good roads convention, to be held at St. Augustine some time in January next.

Mr. Broad expressed himself as being pleased with the lively interest he has found to be shown in all parts of Virginia and North Carolina for improved highways and claims that in the South one of the earliest exponents of good roads was found in John C. Calhoun and quoted from the latter's speech in Congress in 1816: "What can add more to the wealth, strength and political prosperity of our country than cheapness of intercourse. Let us then bind the republic together with substantial highways."

Mr. Broad's mission at this time is to arouse interest in the work of his association through the medium of the press and chambers of commerce of the cities through which he will pass.

While here he spent some time with Governor Kitchen and laid the plans of the work of his association before Col. Fred A. Olds, of the chamber of commerce, and other local good roads advocates. Dr. J. H. Pratt being out of town the New Yorker was keenly disappointed in not being able to confer with that well known good roads expert. Mr. Broad says that Colonel Olds assured him that he would not only attend the Florida convention as a delegate but that he was sure the chamber of commerce would do all in its power to help on the work of the association.

Mr. Broad left last night for Columbia where he will see Governor Angel. From there he will visit Columbia, Charleston, Atlanta, Montgomery, Birmingham, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Nashville and numerous other cities of the South.

This is his first visit to the Southland and he was agreeably surprised at the progress and prosperity that appeared on all sides and especially was he impressed with the warm cordiality extended by the large number of business men and public officials he had met. He informed a News and Observer representative while relating his impressions that he thought a prosperous future was in store for Raleigh, not only as a manufacturing center, but as a winter resort as well, if her people took advantage of the city's splendid natural environments.

## Earthquakes in Virginia.

Winchester, Va., April 2.—Two separate and distinct shocks of earthquake were felt here about 2:20 this morning. Reports from Charlestown and Harper's Ferry, W. Va., show that the quake was felt there. No damage was done.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—There was no record of an earthquake on the seismograph of the Weather Bureau here.